

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 1, as follows:

[Fig. 6] Fig. 6 includes diagrams showing the relationship between film thicknesses of epitaxial layers involving an example of the invention and distributions of surface roughnesses thereof, the relationship between film thicknesses of epitaxial layers and a distribution of surface roughnesses being shown in a direction parallel with a gas flow direction (a) and in a vertical direction to a gas flow direction (b).